

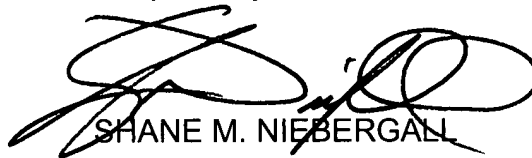
REMARKS

1 Claims 1, 2, 4-6, 12, 15-19 and 23-25 have been allowed. The applicants
appreciate the Examiner's assistance in obtaining the same.

5 The Examiner rejected claims 7, 9, 13, and 20 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being
unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 4,510,114 to Nelson in view of U.S. Patent No.
5,983,908 to Bradley. The Examiner rejected claim 21 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as
being unpatentable over Nelson in further view of Bradley and
U.S. Patent No. 5,775,237 to Reilly, et al. Claim 22 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103
over Nelson in view of Bradley and U.S. Patent No. 4,863,277 to Neal, et al. Applicants
10 respectfully disagree with each of these rejections. However, in an effort to expedite the
prosecution of the present application, applicants have cancelled claims 7, 9, 13, 20, 21
and 22.

15 No fees or extensions of time are believed to be due in connection with this
amendment; however, please consider this a request for any extension inadvertently
omitted, and charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 502093.

Respectfully submitted,


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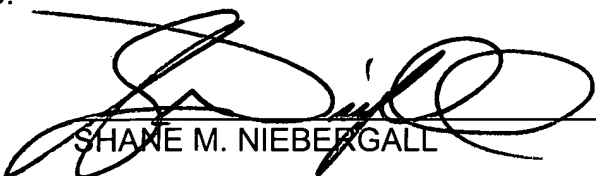
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